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Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects

Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

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I. Introduction

1. Information on the prior consideration of agenda item 33 by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) appears in the reports of the Committee contained in documents A/61/409 and Add.1.

2. The Fourth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 30th meeting, on 17 July 2007 (see A/C.4/61/SR.30).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations (A/61/19 (Parts II and III).

4. The representative of Egypt, in his capacity as the Rapporteur of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, introduced parts II and III of the report of the Special Committee.

II. Consideration of proposals

A. Draft resolution A/C.4/61/L.20

5. At the 30th meeting, on 17 July, the representative of Egypt, on behalf of Argentina, Canada, Egypt, Japan, Nigeria and Poland, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects" (A/C.4/61/L.20).

6. The Committee decided to take action on the draft resolution before the Secretary of the Committee was in a position to read out the required statement by the Secretary-General on related expenditures (see A/C.4/61/SR.30).

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7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/61/L.20 without a vote (see para. 11, draft resolution I).

B. Draft resolution A/C.4/61/L.21

8. At the 30th meeting, on 17 July, the representative of Egypt, on behalf of Argentina, Canada, Egypt, Japan, Nigeria and Poland, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Comprehensive review of a strategy to eliminate future sexual exploitation and abuse in United Nations peacekeeping operations" (A/C.4/61/L.21).

9. The Secretary of the Committee made an oral statement on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution (see A/C.4/61/SR.30).

10. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/61/L.21 without a vote (see para. 11, draft resolution II).

III. Recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

11. The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

Draft resolution I
Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2006 (XIX) of 18 February 1965 and all other relevant resolutions,

Recalling in particular its resolutions 60/263 of 6 June 2006, 60/289 of 8 September 2006 and 61/267 of 16 May 2007,

Affirming that the efforts of the United Nations in the peaceful settlement of disputes, including through its peacekeeping operations, are indispensable,

Convinced of the need for the United Nations to continue to improve its capabilities in the field of peacekeeping and to enhance the effective and efficient deployment of its peacekeeping operations,

Considering the contribution that all States Members of the United Nations make to peacekeeping,

Noting the widespread interest in contributing to the work of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations expressed by Member States, in particular troop-contributing countries,

Bearing in mind the continuous necessity of preserving the efficiency and strengthening the effectiveness of the work of the Special Committee,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations;[1]

2. *Endorses* the proposals, recommendations and conclusions of the Special Committee, contained in paragraphs 15 to 232 of its report;[2]

3. *Urges* Member States, the Secretariat and relevant organs of the United Nations to take all necessary steps to implement the proposals, recommendations and conclusions of the Special Committee;

4. *Reiterates* that those Member States that become personnel contributors to the United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chairman of the Special Committee, become members at the following session of the Special Committee;

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[1] A/61/19 (Parts I-III). For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 19*.

[2] A/61/19 (Part II).

5. *Decides* that the Special Committee, in accordance with its mandate, shall continue its efforts for a comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects and shall review the implementation of its previous proposals and consider any new proposals so as to enhance the capacity of the United Nations to fulfil its responsibilities in this field;

6. *Requests* the Special Committee to submit a report on its work to the General Assembly at its sixty-second session;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-second session the item entitled "Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects".

Draft resolution II
Comprehensive review of a strategy to eliminate future sexual exploitation and abuse in United Nations peacekeeping operations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2006 (XIX) of 18 February 1965 and all other relevant resolutions,

Recalling in particular paragraph 165 of its resolution 60/1 of 16 September 2005, and its resolutions 59/281 of 29 March 2005, 59/300 of 22 June 2005, 60/263 of 6 June 2006 and 60/289 of 8 September 2006,

Reaffirming its resolution 59/296 of 22 June 2005, as well as its resolutions 59/300, 60/263 and 61/267 of 16 May 2007, and the need for the United Nations to implement its policy of zero tolerance of sexual exploitation and abuse in its peacekeeping operations, as recommended by the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations,[1]

Reaffirming also the need for a comprehensive strategy of assistance to victims of sexual exploitation and abuse by United Nations staff or related personnel,

Convinced of the need for the United Nations to take strong and effective steps in this regard,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations on its resumed session, held on 11 June 2007;[2]

2. *Endorses* the recommendation of the Special Committee contained in paragraph 3 of its report.

[1] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 19* (A/59/19/Rev.1), part one, chap. III, para. 55.

[2] A/61/19 (Part III).